

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 CARACA 06112 162055Z

ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CPR-01 SS-15 NSC-05 SSO-00 NSCE-00

PA-01 PRS-01 SY-05 USSS-00 /043 W

-----162058Z 099508 /64

O 162014Z JUN 77

FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8085

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CARACAS 6112

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: OVIP, PFOR, VE

SUBJECT: PEREZ STATE VISIT: SECRETARY VANCE'S LUNCHEON TOAST

REF: STATE 126852

1. QUOTED BELOW IS SUGGESTED DRAFT TEXT OF SECRETARY VANCE'S
TOAST AT JUNE 28 LUNCHEON.

2. QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT, IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU
TO WASHINGTON. YOUR VISIT IS OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO US BECAUSE
WE SHARE MANY BASIC COMMON INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES, AND BECAUSE
VENEZUELA PLAYS A CRITICAL AND SUBSTANTIAL ROLE IN THE HEMISPHERE
AND IN THE THIRD WORLD. THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE MAJOR
CONCERNS OF THE WORLD AND THE AMERICAS, AS WELL AS THE STATE OF
OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, IS THEREFORE A WELCOME ONE.

3. IF THERE IS ONE WORD THAT TRULY CHARACTERIZES THE WORLD IN OUR
TIME, MR. PRESIDENT, IT IS "CHANGE". CHANGE MEANS THAT YESTERDAY'S
SOLUTIONS ARE NOT ADEQUATE TODAY. THE NATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA, WITH
THEIR VITALITY, INDIVIDUALITY AND IMAGINATION, WERE AMONG THE FIRST
IN OUR CHANGING WORLD TO SEE THE IMPORTANCE OF ADAPTING
GLOBAL INSTITUTIONS TO THE NEW REALTIES OF OUR DAY. WITHIN
THIS HEMISPHERE, THE PROBLEMS HAVE BECOME AS DIVERSE AS THE
WORLD ITSELF. THERE IS ECONOMIC DIVERSITY AND A VARIETY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 CARACA 06112 162055Z

OF POLITICAL PHILOSOPHIES. BUT THIS PERCEPTION OF DIVERSITY
DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE ELEMENTS COMMON TO
MANY OF THE COUNTRIES IN THE REGION OR THAT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO
DEAL WITH REGIONAL APPROACHES TO COMMON PROBLEMS.

4. IN HIS PAN AMERICAN DAY SPEECH PRESIDENT CARTER STRESSED HIS
ABIDING INTEREST IN THE OAS AND HIS BELIEF THAT IT HAS AN IMPORTANT

ROLE TO PLAY IN IMPROVING HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS. I KNOW, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT SHARES OUR CONCERN FOR THE OAS AS A KEY INSTITUTION OF THIS HEMISPHERE. AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE OAS IN GRENADA JUST TWO WEEKS AGO I HAD THE OCCASION TO MEET WITH MANY OF MY MINISTERIAL COLLEAGUES, INCLUDING THE DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN MINISTER OF VENEZUELA, DR. RAMON ESCOVAR SALOM. THERE WE DISCUSSED MAJOR ISSUES, AND THESE DISCUSSIONS WENT A LONG WAY IN FURTHERING THE COOPERATIVE SPIRIT AND THE UNDERSTANDING NEEDED TO FOSTER THE KIND OF SYSTEM WE ALL WANT TO SEE.

5. THIS MORNING WE TALKED ABOUT MANY THINGS AND IN THE NEXT TWO DAYS WE WILL TALK ABOUT MANY MORE. BUT THERE ARE TWO POINTS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SINGLE OUT AS ESPECIALLY SYMBOLIC OF THE NEW WORLD WE ARE IN AND OF THE RELEVANCE OF US-VENEZUELAN COOPERATION TO IT.

6. YOU HAVE SPOKEN ELOQUENTLY, MR. PRESIDENT, OF THE NEED FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM. AS I STATED IN PARIS ON MAY 30, THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO BUILDING THAT NEW SYSTEM, THE CONSTRUCTION OF WHICH WILL REQUIRE ADJUSTMENTS, ACCOMMODATIONS, AND SACRIFICES BY ALL PARTIES. BUT THE VISION WHICH UNITES US ABOUT THE NEED TO ADJUST THE PRESENT ECONOMIC ORDER IS BEYOND QUESTION. AT THE PARIS MEETINGS ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, BOTH SIDES REACHED AGREEMENT ON A NUMBER OF MATTERS. ALTHOUGH NEITHER THE DEVELOPED NOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FULLY ACHIEVED WHAT THEY DESIRED, THE CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND MUTUAL RESPECT. THIS WAS, IN PART, DUE TO THE EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 CARACA 06112 162055Z

THAT VENEZUELA MADE TO THE CONFERENCE --A CONFERENCE IN WHICH YOUR MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, DR. MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO, AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE, IN PARTICULAR, PLAYED A VITAL ROLE. THE UNITED STATES LOOKS FORWARD TO FURTHER CONSULTATION AND COLLABORATION IN THE CONTINUING GLOBAL DIALOGUE.

7. YOUR VISIT ALSO SERVES, MR. PRESIDENT, TO CONFIRM AND REAFFIRM OUR COMMON BELIEF IN THE VALUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WE BOTH REALIZE THE WORLD'S IMPERFECTIONS, BUT WE ALSO REALIZE THAT ONLY BY CONSISTENT AND FIRM APPLICATION OF BASIC MORAL PRINCIPLES CAN THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS BE SERVED. IT IS THEREFORE HEARTENING TO NOTE THE IMPORTANCE BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS PLACE ON THE COMMITMENTS CONTAINED IN THE CHARTERS OF THE OAS AND THE UNITED NATIONS, IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND IN THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

8. IN A FEW DAYS TIME, MR. PRESIDENT, THE UNITED STATES WILL OBSERVE THE 201ST ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INDEPENDENCE AND, ONE DAY

LATER, VENEZUELA WILL CELEBRATE THE 168TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INDEPENDENCE. THE FACT THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES CELEBRATE THEIR INDEPENDENCE ON SUCCESSIVE DAYS SYMBOLIZED THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS AND SHOULD EXIST BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES. MAY IT ALWAYS BE THUS.

9. MAY I PROPOSE A TOAST TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND TO THE GREAT NATION WHICH YOU REPRESENT. UNQUOTE.
VAKY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SOCIAL RECEPTIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 16-Jun-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977CARACA06112
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770215-0784
Format: TEL
From: CARACAS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770651/aaaabstz.tel
Line Count: 125
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: fa0b077c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 STATE 126852
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2133584
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PEREZ STATE VISIT: SECRETARY VANCE'S LUNCHEON TOAST
TAGS: OVIP, PFOR, VE, (VANCE, CYRUS R)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/fa0b077c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009